Dartmoor National Park Historic Environment Record

Civil Parish & District: Buckland-in-the-Moor, Dartmoor	Refer	nal Grid ence: 38 7419	Number:
Subject: Archaeological monitoring and recording Buckland-in-the-Moor, Devon.	g at Cha	llamoor Farm,	Photo attached: Y
Planning Application no: 0231/15		Recipient museu n/a	m:
OASIS ID: oakforda1-229931		Museum Accession/a	on no:
Contractor's reference number/code: OA1308		Dates fieldwork 09/11/2015	undertaken:

Description of works:

An archaeological watching brief was undertaken by Oakford Archaeology in November 2015 during building work at Challamoor Farm, Buckland-in-the-Moor, Devon (SX 7238 7419). The site (Fig. 1) lies in the centre of the parish, close to the river Dart. Challamoor Farm is first mentioned in the 14th century. The main house burnt down in the 20th century, was extensively rebuilt and later extended. From a photograph taken in 1904 it is clear that the layout perpetuates that of an earlier house which was first constructed as a three room and cross-passage house The work was therefore required by the Dartmoor National Park Authority (DNPA).

A watching brief was maintained during works associated with the construction of an extension to the existing building. A small foundation trench for the extension, 19.5m long, 0.6m wide and 0.75m deep, was excavated against the western side of Challamoor House.

Results:

The groundworks (Fig. 2, Pl. 1) exposed a mid-yellowish orange clay natural subsoil (102). This was in turn overlain by a 0.3m thick mid yellowish brown silty clay subsoil (101) underneath a 0.2m thick mid brown topsoil (100).

Conclusion:

No deposits, features or dating evidence indicative of archaeological activity was found. The lack of pottery and other artefacts from the site, despite examination of spoil heaps, further indicates that the site is archaeologically sterile. This is the only report on these works.

Project archive and OASIS entry

Due to the limited nature of the findings a project archive will not be produced. A summary of the investigations has been submitted to the on-line archaeological database OASIS (Online AccesS to the Index of archaeological InterventionS).

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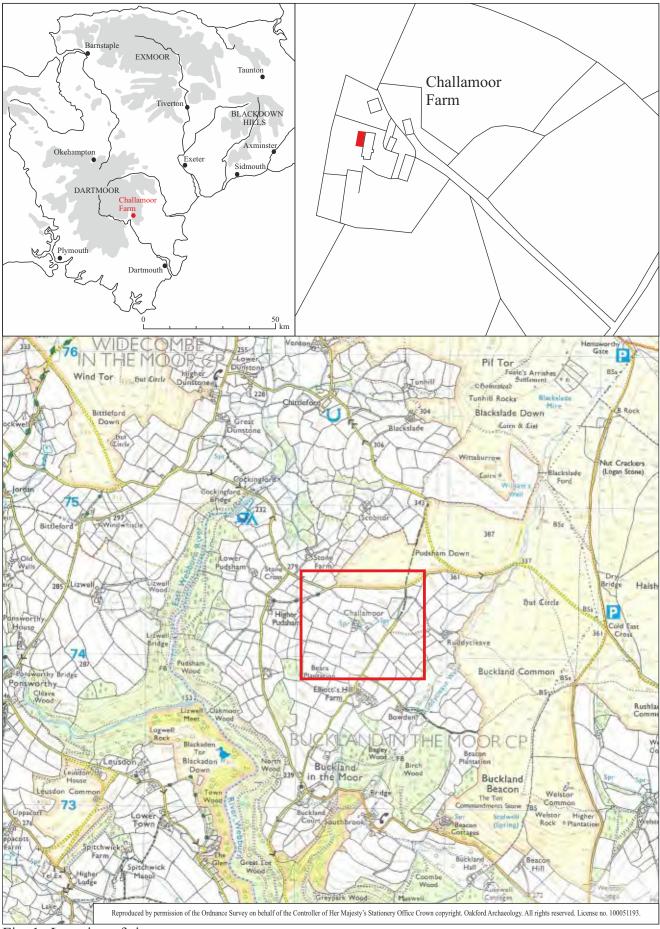


Fig. 1 Location of site.

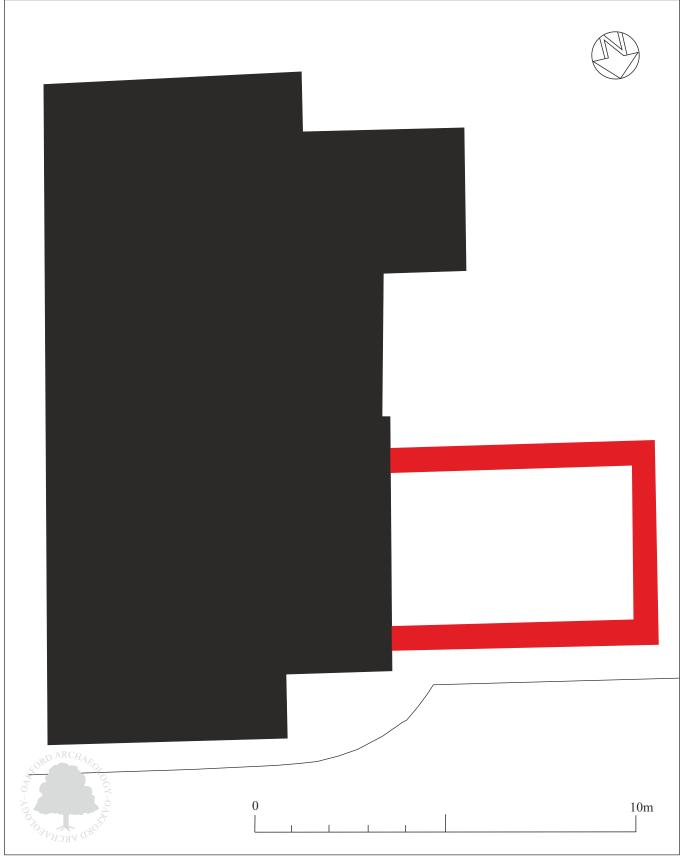


Fig. 2 Plan of Challamoor House showing location of extension.



Pl. 1 General view of extension area. 2m scale. Looking northeast.